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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR PALKHIVALA'S CALL ON THE SECRETARY

- 1. WHEN I CALLED ON ASRANI MARCH 14 ON OTHER BUSINESS, HE MENTIONED THAT AMBASSADOR PALKHIVALA HAS AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE THE SECRETARY ON MARCH 17. ACCORDING TO ASRANI, PALHKIVALA IS NOT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO RAISE ANY PARTICULAR ISSUE WITH THE SECRETARY. PALKHIVALA HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON RECENT EFFORTS BY GOI TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS MATERIAL PERTAINING TO RECENT VISITS TO INDIA, INCLUDING PARTICULARLY THE VIETNAMESE VISIT.
- 2. ASRANI SAID PALKHIVALA HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED IN HIS DISCRETION TO MENTION TO THE SECRETARY THAT THE INDIANS WANT PERIODIC RIGHTS OF INSPECTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE INSAT, FOR WHICH THE ONLY TWO BIDDERS HAVE BEEN AMERICAN FIRMS. ASRANI SAID THE GOI REALIZES THE SATELLITE WILL BE LAUNCHED FROM THE U.S. AND WILL NOT INVOLVE ANY TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY BUT SINCE IT WILL BE BUILT FOR INDIAN USE AND ACCORDING TO INDIAN SPECIFICATIONS, THE INDIANS WILL WANT TO MONITOR ITS CONSTRUCTION GOHEEN

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